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In re Application of : Chan et al.
Title: : SHARED VIA DECOUPLING FOR AREA
ARRAYS COMPONENTS
Serial No. : 10/761,343
Filing Date: : January 22, 2004
Examiner: : Hoa Cao Nguyen
Art Unit: : 2841
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 27, 2006, and further to the Petition for Revival of Unintentionally Abandoned Application filed herewith, the Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-12, with traverse. The reasons for traverse are as follows.

The Examiner has stated that the application contains two patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a structure of a printed circuit board, classified in class 361, subclass 777; and

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II. Claim 13, drawn to a method for mounting a decoupling capacitor, classified in class 29, subclass 830 plus.

The Examiner asserted that the following inventions "are independent or distinct" because subcombination II, claim 13, has a separate utility such as the capacitor mounting method, which can be used to mount the capacitor on any substrate.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Restriction Requirement is improper because the Examiner has not fulfilled his burden of proving that these pending claims of the patent are either independent or distinct. Specifically, claims 1 and 11 expressly recite decoupling capacitors for printed wiring boards (PWBs).

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the correspondence attorney listed below in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0578

Respectfully submitted,

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